

# St Mary's School, Mosgiel Newsletter



**Mission Statement—St Mary's is a Catholic School dedicated to the provision of the highest quality primary education with a special emphasis of Catholic values and attitudes.**

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**Term 2 Week 2**

**1st May 2012**

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## Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends of St Mary's School,

Week two of Term Two for the year and the weather has suddenly changed, winter is upon us.

It is with a sense of shock and real sadness that we acknowledge the untimely passing of Janine Will. Janine is the mother of Maddy in Year Eight and Annalise who is in Year Eleven at Kavanagh College. Janine has been a huge supporter of the school over a number of years, coaching, going of class trips and serving on the P.T.A. I have very fond memories of Janine on school camps where she was always quick with a joke but was a very reliable helper.

At times like this we ask why? But I think what we need to do, rather is to try to support the Will family, Richard, Maddy and Annalise in this time of pain and sorrow, in what every way that we can.

Many people in our community will be feeling shocked and upset, if you need someone to talk to them please contact the school or ring Father Michael on 489-7054, or 021 515 7189.

Mike Brosnahan.

A big thank you to these children from our school who lead the singing at Church last Sunday—Jaylah Kennedy, Josh & Emma Hyde, Brendan, Bridget, Jack & Johanna O'Neill, Sam & Sarah O'Neill, Sara Hall, Thomas Kelly, Ethan O'Brien, Lorie Parker, Ella Rose Crooks, Georgia & Ben Baines and Will Morris. You did a great job.



## Welcome to St Mary's School

We welcome the following new entrants to our school recently:

Olly Morris, Neve Bell, Rylee Cummings, and Hugo van Herel.



**Our Vision :** Confident, reflective, risk-taking, lifelong learners in a Catholic School.

### Dates for May

Tuesday 1st	Michael Mangon Concert PTA Meeting 7.30pm
Wednesday 2nd	BOT Meeting 7.30pm Golf lessons start Rm 5-7
Thursday 3rd	Parent meeting for Confirmation 7pm Parish Centre.
Friday 4th	Assembly Rm 5/3, 2.20pm
Wednesday 9th	Golf lessons continue R1-4
Friday 25th	Assembly Rm 4/6, 2.20pm Reports go home
Wednesday and Thursday 30th & 31st	-Interviews

### A thought for the week...

"Love is most divine when it loves according to needs,  
and not according to merit."  
-George MacDonald

### Radio Station Cancellations

For all school and sport cancellations tune into  
97.4 MORE FM or Radio Dunedin 1305 AM  
and 99.8 FM.  
The cancellations are broadcast every 20  
minutes from 6am—10am.

### Sausage Sizzle

Please support the Room 7  
Sausage Sizzle Camp Fundraiser  
which will be held **This Friday**.  
Sausages cost \$1.50 each.



**To order a sausage/s your child/ren need to  
take order/money to their class teacher  
by Wednesday 10am, so the sausages can  
be ordered.**

Thank you for your support.

### Altar Servers Sunday 6th May

Jaylah Kennedy, Alex Dodson, Anahera Reynolds

### Health Questionnaire

Today each family will receive a Health Questionnaire. This is a requirement that all schools need to complete biennially, but it also supplies a great deal of information that allows us to plan the direction that our health syllabus will move in the future. Please could you fill this in and return to the office by Monday 7th May. Thank you.

### PTA News ....

#### Term 2 Fundraiser—Cheese Rolls!

Please ask family, friends and work mates if they wish to place an order. These are great to have with soup for an easy winter lunch!

**Orders are due in NEXT Friday 11th May**, so we can calculate how much bread/cheese etc to order. Also please bring along any spare supermarket bags to the school office. The date for making these is **Friday 18th & Saturday 19th of May**, we will be needing lots of help to make the cheese rolls, so please mark this on your calendar.

#### Entertainment Books

Keep the E Books and orders coming in. We are doing well with the extra orders. Thank you to everyone who has been able to sell the books.

#### PTA Meeting Tonight

The next PTA meeting is **tonight Tuesday 1st May**—in the staffroom at 7.30pm—all welcome.

-Jacquie Dodson

### Cross Country

This term the children are practicing for the Cross Country. They are able bring along sports shoes to train in if they wish.

### Sports Code of Conduct

Our winter school sports code of conduct will be circulated this week. Please ensure that your child completes the form and that you discuss it with them.

Remember a school of our size only succeeds in sport if we adopt a team approach and support all our players.

Primary aged pupils (all research shows) play because they want to take part and have fun. A focus on winning at all costs and attaining 'rep' selection is adult driven and leads to children leaving the game. If you coach a primary team a good measure of success is if the players you coach play the game again next year.

To ensure that your child enjoys their sport then support their participation. Always make supportive comments and acknowledge, too, good play of the opposition.



## e-learning snapshot 2 - Commenting on our blogs...

Our class blogs are your window into our learning journey. One of the many benefits of blogging is strengthening the home/school relationship. You can click on any link to visit the blogs and experience life in our classrooms.

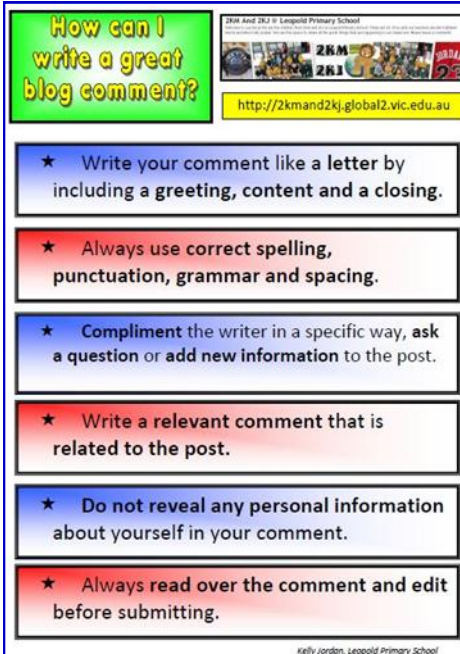
<http://www.stmarys-mosgiel.school.nz/classes.html>

Not only do we want you to visit – we want you to comment and question and interact with us. Comments are exciting for the learners to receive and they provide an opportunity for conversation and interaction, and they enable you to question and extend our thinking.

This guideline for commenting by Linda Yollis is useful to have beside your computer. It would be great if you could take time to work with your learner to comment on a blog post.

This 4 minute video on quality comments lets you hear the student voice. [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UDVSw54VU1A&feature=player\\_embedded](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UDVSw54VU1A&feature=player_embedded)

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**How can I write a great blog comment?**

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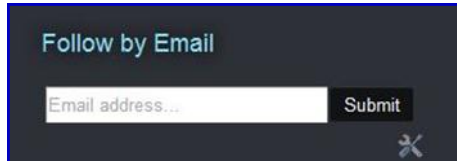
- ★ Write your comment like a letter by including a greeting, content and a closing.
- ★ Always use correct spelling, punctuation, grammar and spacing.
- ★ Compliment the writer in a specific way, ask a question or add new information to the post.
- ★ Write a relevant comment that is related to the post.
- ★ Do not reveal any personal information about yourself in your comment.
- ★ Always read over the comment and edit before submitting.

Kelly Jordan, Leopold Primary School

Please don't be at all shy or scared to comment. We love to hear from you and interact with you.

We would also like you to 'follow' our blogs by clicking on the follow by email button on the side of the blogs you wish to follow and entering your email. Blog posts will now be emailed to you as they are posted. Thank you for your participation. We look forward to hearing from you and interacting with you as you discover the potential of our blogs.

Anne Kenneally



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# St Mary's School Sport Code of Conduct

St Mary's aim is to ensure all students undertaking a team sport do so in an environment with emphasis on enjoyment, encouragement and team spirit. This will develop an understanding of a balanced healthy life style between sporting, academic, social and other interests, while following St Mary's emphasis of Catholic values and attitudes during their sporting venture.

## Coaches

### *I will*

- operate within the rules and spirit of the game and teach my players to do the same
- remember that players participate for enjoyment and winning is only part of the fun  
(Do not say "winning does not count" because it does; instead help them develop the feel for competition, for trying hard, for having fun)
- never ridicule or yell at players for making a mistake or not winning
- Ensure that the time players spend with me is a positive experience. All players are deserving of equal attention and opportunities
- avoid overplaying the talented players and understand that the average players need and deserve equal time (This is based on the understanding they have attended practice and fulfil their players agreement)
- display control, respect and professionalism to all involved with the sport
- show concern and caution toward sick and injured players
- respect the rights, dignity and worth of all people involved in the game
- keep in mind referees have the hardest job of anyone involved in sport

### *I will not*

- use bad language nor will I harass players, officials, spectators or other coaches.
- arrive at the venue intoxicated or drink alcohol/smoke cigarettes at junior matches.

## Parents

### *I will*

- ensure my child wears the correct school sports uniform
- encourage my child to play within the rules and respect officials and coaches decisions
- teach my child to respect the efforts of their opponents
- make an effort to understand the rules of the game; this will make the game more enjoyable
- remember that children learn best by example so I will applaud good plays/performance by both my child's team and their opponents
- give positive comments that motivate and encourage continued effort/emphasise enjoyment
- Support my child's efforts and performance; (avoid pressuring your child about winning or losing, help focus on the process of participation not the outcome i.e. how did you do? Not did you win?)
- thank the coaches, officials and other volunteers who give their time to conduct the event for my child
- help when asked by a coach or official
- respect the rights, dignity and worth of all people involved in the game, regardless of their gender, ability or cultural background

### *I will not*

- pressure my child in anyway – I know that this is their game not mine
- arrive at the venue intoxicated or drink alcohol/smoke cigarettes at junior matches
- use bad language, nor harass players, coaches, officials or other spectators





# ST MARY'S SCHOOL PLAYER AGREEMENT

To uphold the school's tradition and high values expected of me while representing St Mary's School.

## **I promise that I will:**

wear the correct sports uniform

attend all practices, and be punctual

co-operate with my coach and team mates

participate for my own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please parents and coaches

always play by the rules

never argue with an official, coach or referee

work equally hard for myself and my team

support and encourage my team mates

be a good sport and applaud all good plays whether they are made by my team or the opposition

display modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat

treat all players in my sport as I like to be treated

notify the coach if I am unwell

not swear

control my temper

thank the opposition and officials at the end of the game

Player's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Players Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** Please read this with your parents and sign.

**Keep in a safe place at home so you can always remember your agreement.**

